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SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 1 - AFGHANISTAN

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AS OF 0500 EST, DECEMBER 28, 1979.

3. KABUL SEEMS TO BE RETURNING TO NEAR NORMAL ALTHOUGH MIG 21'S CONTINUE TO BUZZ THE CITY. THE STREETS AROUND OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL ARE CALM AND GENERALLY OPEN TO TRAFFIC. SECURITY CONTROL IS BEING MAINTAINED BY TWO GROUPS: SOVIET SOLDIERS AT KEY INTERSECTIONS AND CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AND ARMED AFGHANS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND WHITE-CLOTH ARMBANDS.

4. ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE SAFELY ACCOUNTED FOR.

5. OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL HAS DESTROYED ALL OF ITS CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

6. WE HAVE ISSUED A TRAVEL ADVISORY WARNING AMERICAN CITIZENS TO AVOID TRAVEL TO AFGHANISTAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

7. WE HAVE ADVISED EMBASSY KABUL THAT WE HAVE NOT YET TAKEN ANY DECISION ON WHETHER THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE NEW REGIME ARISES OR NOT. IN THE MEANTIME OUR CHARGE HAS BEEN ORDERED NOT TO TAKE ANY POSITIVE ACT WHICH IMPLIES RECOGNITION.

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8. RADIO KABUL HAS ANNOUNCED SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS TO A NEW REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THEY INCLUDE MANY WELL-KNOWN FIGURES WHO SERVED FOR VARYING LENGTHS OF TIME IN THE TARAKI/AMIN GOVERNMENTS.

9. IN A STATEMENT CARRIED BY RADIO KABUL, BABRAK HAS PROMISED THAT HIS NEW REGIME WOULD GUARANTEE "DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF ALL CLASSES OF SOCIETY AND RESPECT THE HOLY FAITH OF ISLAM AND THE CLERGY." THE NEW REGIME ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WOULD RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

10. OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL BELIEVES A REGIME LED BY BABRAK VIOLENTLY INSTALLED BY SOVIET ARMS WILL NOT NECESSARILY FIND SMOOTH SAILING. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS MOST AFGHANS INCLUDING THE INSURGENTS BELIEVE THERE WAS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BABRAK FACTION AND THE TARAKI/AMIN FACTION AND THEREFORE THE INSURGENCY IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

11. AMBASSADOR HUMMEL HAS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE AFGHAN SITUATION WITH PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID ALL "THEORIES WHICH HAD THE INSUR-

GENCY DECLINING THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS HAVE BEEN EXPLODED." HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE FALLING INTO A VIETNAM-LIKE SITUATION AND THEY APPEAR TO BE WILLING TO RISK GREATER HATRED ON THE PART OF ORDINARY AFGHANS IN ORDER TO PROTEST THEIR INTERESTS AND INVESTMENT IN AFGHANISTAN. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION WITH THE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION IN THE REGION WILL PROVOKE THE USG TO GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO ITS RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

12. OUR EMBASSY IN BONN HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE FRG THAT IT RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE SOVIETS STATING THE USSR HAD MOVED MILITARY FORCES INTO AFGHANISTAN PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE USSR-AFGHAN
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PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY. THE NOTE FURTHER INDICATED SOVIET TROOPS WOULD BE REMOVED WHEN THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN STABILIZED. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REQUESTED EMBASSY BONN'S GUIDANCE ON A POSSIBLE COORDINATED WESTERN RESPONSE TO SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN.
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